or ten generations. Such a building was built for all generations, for all time. It is, therefore, the responsibility of every generation of Carbondaleans to maintain and to transmit to the following generation a healthy building. It is now our turn to look after City Hall and to make certain that the building that we bequeath to our children is as vigorous as the building that we inherited from our parents. If it is not, it is we who will bear the burden of shame. If it is, it is we who will be credited with having had faith not only in ourselves and in our city, but also in our children and the city that we bequeath to them.

The responsibility of the present generation to look after City Hall is particularly great for two reasons: (1) many repairs to the exterior of the building have to be made now, (2) the economy of northeastern Pennsylvania is not now as healthy as it was when the building was erected. In restoring Carbondale City Hall to its former beauty, we will be performing an invaluable service not only to the building itself, but also to the city of Carbondale. To restore a building such as Carbondale City Hall is to proclaim to one and all that we, the present generation, are proud of Carbondale and of our heritage. It is, at the same time, to proclaim to the world that we have not only respect for Carbondale and its past, but also faith in ourselves and in the future of Carbondale. That respect and that faith, as well as that pride, are recognizable in both cities and people. When that respect and that faith and that pride are recognizable in a city and in the inhabitants of that city, industrial prospects are attracted to, and ultimately locate in, that city. Not only does an industrial prospect have a bright future when it locates in such a city, the city itself has a bright future. In the long run, therefore, everyone benefits when people and cities are proud of, and have respect for, the past, and faith in themselves and in the future.

That we, as citizens of Carbondale, are proud of Carbondale and have respect for Carbondale and its past, and have, at the same time, faith in ourselves and in the future of Carbondale must be made known to all visitors to the city of Carbondale and to all industrial prospects who are thinking of locating in the Carbondale area. One of the ways that we can proclaim to one and all that we have decided to invest in Carbondale--past, present and future--(and that <u>they</u>, therefore, should invest in Carbondale) is to restore Carbondale City Hall.

I trust that the preceeding information will give you a good idea of what the Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall is all about. If I can provide you with any additional information or answer any questions that you might have, I shall be pleased to meet with you at any time.

Sincerely yours,

S. Robert Powell

S. Robert Powell
President
Committee to Restore Carbondale
City Hall